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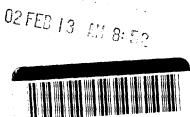
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APPENDIX 3B

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Name of entity			
SANTOS LTD			
ABN			
07 550 923			
(the entity) give ASX the following informat	ion.		
t 1 – All issues			
Class of securities issued or to be issued	Fully paid ordinary shares		
Number of securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued.	30,000		
Principal terms of the securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)	Consistent with the Listing Rules		
Do the securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing class of quoted securities?	Yes		
If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state: the date from which they do the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment			
	the entity) give ASX the following informated and the entity) give ASX the following informated and the entity of		

5 Issue price or consideration

30,000 at \$5.12 per share.

6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets) Issue consequent upon exercise of 30,000 options granted on 15 June 1999 pursuant to the Santos Executive Share Option Plan.

7 Dates of entering securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates

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8 Number and class of all securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number	Class
579,087,245	Fully paid ordinary shares.
3,500,000	Reset convertible preference shares

9 Number and class of all securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number	Class
65,100	Fully paid ordinary shares allotted to eligible employees pursuant to the Santos Employee Share Purchase Plan.
163,250	Executive share plan '0' shares of 25 cents each paid to 1 cent.
301,000	Executive share plan '2' shares of 25 cents each paid to 1 cent.
12,995,000	Executive options issued pursuant to the Santos Executive Share Option Plan.

Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)

Rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares.

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue NOT APPLICABLE

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11	Is security holder approval required?	
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	
13	Ratio in which the securities will be offered	
14	Class of securities to which the offer relates	
15	Record date to determine entitlements	
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16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	
18	Names of countries in which the entity has security holders who will not be sent new issue documents	
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	
20	Names of any underwriters	
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	
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22	Names of any brokers to the issue	
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23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	

24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of security holders			
25	If the issue is contingent on security holders' approval, the date of the meeting			
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus will be sent to persons entitled			
27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders			
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)			
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)			
30	How do security holders sell their entitlements in full through a broker?			
31	How do security holders sell part of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?			
32	How do security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?			
33	Despatch date			
	Part 3 — Quotation of securities You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities			
34	Type of securities (tick one)			
(a)	Securities described in Part 1			
(b)	All other securities			
	Example: restricted securities at the end of the esc employee incentive share securities when restrictions securities.	rowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, n ends, securities issued on explry or conversion of convertible		

En	ities that have ticked box 34(a			
Add (If the	itional securities forming a new class of additional securities do not form a new class, go to 43)	securities		
Tick to	o indicate you are providing the information or documents	•		
35 [ames of the 20 largest holders of the additional of additional securities held by those holders		
36	If the securities are equity securities, a dis setting out the number of holders in the can 1 - 1,000 1,001 - 5,000 5,001 - 10,000 10,001 - 100,000 100,001 - and over	tribution schedule of the additional securities tegories		
37 (now s	A copy of any trust deed for the additional	securities		
En	Entities that have ticked box 34(b)			
38	Number of securities for which quotation is sought			
39	Class of securities for which quotation is sought			
40	Do the securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing class of quoted securities?			
	If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state: the date from which they do the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment			

New issue announcement,		
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41	Reason for request for quotation now		
	Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period		
	(if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)		
		Number	Class
42	Number and class of all securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 38)	·	

(now go to 43)

All entities

Fees

43	Payment	method	(tick	one)

Cheque attached

Electronic payment made

Note: Payment may be made electronically if Appendix 3B is given to ASX electronically at the same time.

Periodic payment as agreed with the home branch has been arranged

Note: Arrangements can be made for employee incentive schemes that involve frequent Issues of securities.

Quotation Agreement

- 1. Quotation of our additional securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the securities on any conditions it decides.
- We warrant the following to ASX.
 - The issue of the securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
 - There is no reason why those securities should not be granted quotation.
 - An offer of the securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) of the Corporations Act.

- Section 724 of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by
 us in relation to any securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return
 any securities to be quoted under section 737 or 738 of the Corporations Act at the
 time that we request that the securities be quoted.
- 3. We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.
- 4. We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before quotation of the securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here:

Company Secretary

Date:

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Print name:

MICHAEL GEORGE ROBERTS